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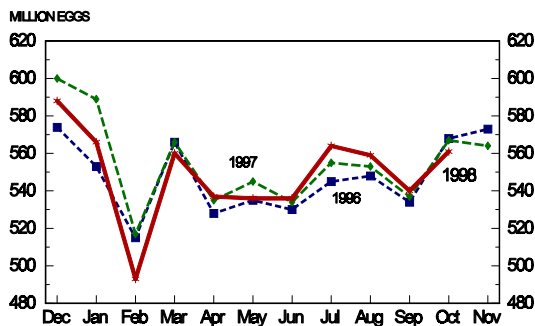
## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during October totaled 561 million, 21.0 million more than last month, but 7.00 million less than last October. Average number of layers during the month averaged 25.6 million, fractionally below October 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,190, compared to 2,136 last month and 2,195 in October 1997.

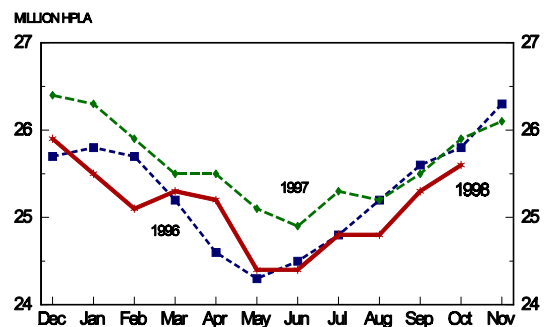
## U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.76 billion during October 1998, up 2 percent from the 6.65 billion produced in 1997. Production included 5.72 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 984 million were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 1998 averaged 314 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during October 1997. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,156 eggs, down 1 percent from the 2,172 eggs in October 1997. All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1998 totaled 315 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 315 million layers consisted of 258 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1998 averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.4 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,569	10,798	1,959	1,963	207	212	2.5	1.5	15.5	12.0
Arkansas	14,364	14,434	1,887	1,864	271	269	1.0	1.5	14.0	6.5
California	25,881	25,616	2,195	2,190	568	561	8.0	7.0	36.0	34.0
Georgia	20,582	21,338	2,089	2,043	430	436	6.5	2.5	18.5	21.0
Indiana	21,430	21,985	2,282	2,274	489	500	3.0	3.5	22.0	32.5
Iowa	21,300	23,567	2,263	2,164	482	510	5.0	5.0	24.5	30.5
North Carolina	11,519	11,112	1,901	1,944	219	216	4.0	2.5	13.0	8.5
Ohio	26,494	28,283	2,272	2,273	602	643	6.5	0.0	33.5	48.5
Pennsylvania	21,696	22,274	2,277	2,267	494	505	3.0	4.0	15.0	16.0
Texas	17,222	17,186	2,119	2,054	365	353	3.5	5.0	24.0	20.5
UNITED STATES	306,029	313,500	2,172	2,156	6,646	6,760	4.2	3.7	22.2	21.8

### U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 1 PERCENT

The October 1998 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 693 million, was up 1 percent from October of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 579 million on November 1, 1998, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.42 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1998. This was up 19 percent from October 1997.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	1997	1998	$\frac{1998}{1997}$
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	89,398	90,792	102
Arkansas	104,243	102,425	98
Delaware	15,117	14,941	99
Florida	9,279	9,213	99
Georgia	103,618	108,110	104
Maryland	28,825	30,951	107
Mississippi	61,095	60,092	98
North Carolina	57,082	56,147	98
Pennsylvania	12,791	12,317	96
South Carolina	15,375	15,708	102
Texas	43,077	45,769	106
Virginia	23,113	22,522	97
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	33,953	35,654	105
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	86,147	88,272	102
UNITED STATES	683,113	692,913	101

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.0 million, down 1 percent from October 1997. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.6 million on November 1, 1998, up 15 percent from a year ago.

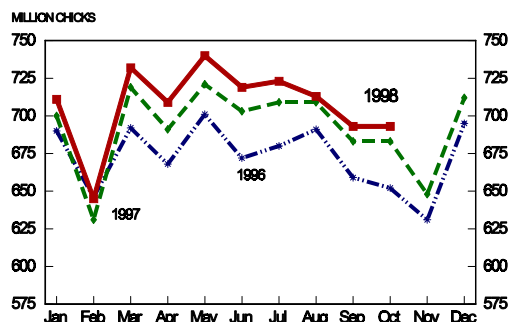
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 360 thousand during October 1998. This was up 35 percent from October 1997.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

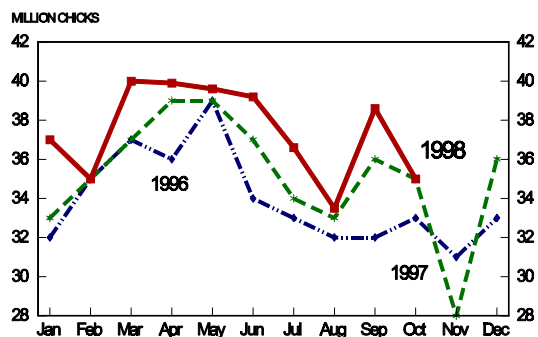
State	1997	1998	$\frac{1998}{1997}$
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	846	467	55
Florida	1,327	1,075	81
Georgia	1,719	1,740	101
Indiana	7,048	7,084	101
Iowa	4,186	4,787	114
Kansas	232	152	66
Minnesota	1,946	1,961	101
Missouri	372	306	82
Pennsylvania	4,181	5,354	128
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	13,471	12,113	90
UNITED STATES	35,328	35,039	99

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**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES**  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES**  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1997	1998	$\frac{1998}{1997}$	1997	1998	$\frac{1998}{1997}$
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	11,093	11,023	99	6,057	6,137	101
East North Central	6,879	8,279	120	7,649	7,860	103
West North Central	19,497	20,215	104	5,136	6,571	128
South Atlantic	208,556	221,793	106	2,890	3,964	137
South Central	282,266	294,843	104	2,282	2,781	122
West	20,891	22,700	109	2,680	3,258	122
UNITED STATES	549,182	578,853	105	26,694	30,571	115

## POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, decreased one cent for broilers. Prices for live turkeys increased three cents per pound, while market eggs increased two cents per dozen.

Nationally, the October average prices received by producers decreased two cents per pound for broilers. Turkey prices increased 2.6 cents per pound, while market eggs increased 3.6 cents per dozen.

**POULTRY AND EGG  
AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	October 1997	Sept. 15, 1998	Oct. 15, 1998
--- Cents ---				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.8	46.0	45.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	56.0	52.0	54.0
Turkeys	Lb.	42.0	41.0	44.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.7	45.9	43.9
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	53.1	49.6	53.2
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	40.2	42.8

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 27.5 million on November 1, 1998, down 11 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the October 1 total of 28.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 3 percent; W N Central, down 9 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 16 percent; S Central, down 16 percent; and West, down 21 percent.

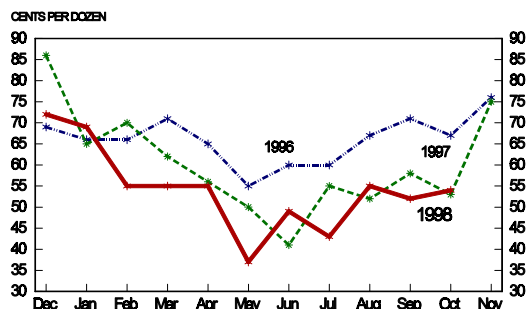
The 22.8 million poult placed during October 1998 in the United States were down 7 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 8 percent from the September 1998 total of 21.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 8 percent; W N Central, down 2 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 13 percent; S Central, down 9 percent; and West, down 23 percent.

**ALL TURKEYS**

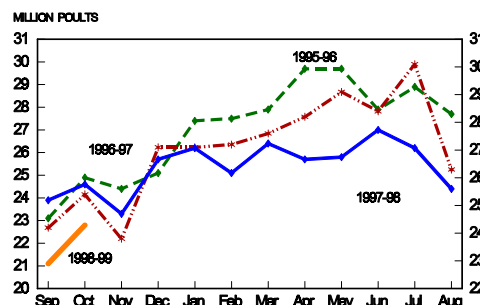
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		1998 1997	Poults Placed during Oct. 1/		1998 1997
	1997	1998		1997	1998	
	Thousands	Pct.		Thousands	Pct.	
E N Central	4,682	4,830	103	3,511	3,802	108
W N Central	9,298	8,465	91	7,292	7,175	98
N & S Atlantic	10,332	8,719	84	8,629	7,519	87
S Central	4,013	3,359	84	3,130	2,537	81
West	2,639	2,098	79	2,025	1,753	87
U.S.	30,964	27,471	89	24,587	22,786	93

1/ Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1996-1998**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 1996-1998**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/**

Month	Total All Breeds		98-99 97-98	Cumulative Total		98-99 97-98
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct.	24,587	22,786	93	48,494	43,910	91
Nov.	23,281			71,775		
Dec.	25,711			97,486		
Jan.	26,240			123,726		
Feb.	25,093			148,819		
Mar.	26,362			175,181		
Apr.	25,747			200,928		
May	25,677			226,605		
June	26,974			253,579		
July	26,247			279,826		
Aug.	24,450			304,276		

1/ Excludes exported poults.



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 1997	Sept. 1998 <u>a/</u>	Oct. 1998	<u>Oct 98</u> Oct 97	<u>Oct 98</u> Sep 98	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>		----- Thousands -----			-- Percent --		
	Turkeys	Lbs.	124,972	127,518	132,265	106	104
	Chickens	Lbs.	45,073	29,167	24,097	53	83
	Ducks	Lbs.	525	85	96	18	113
	Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	170,570	156,770	156,458	92	100
	Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys		Lbs.	736,641	702,618	669,051	91	95
Chickens		Lbs.	587,304	588,718	600,387	102	102
Ducks		Lbs.	2,461	4,615	5,092	207	110
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies		Lbs.	1,326,406	1,295,951	1,274,530	96	98
Eggs, Frozen		Lbs.	10,915	8,262	9,034	83	109

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